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Briefs

Strike Zone amongst area eatery options

Last week's Northwood Anchor featured a story on the support being shown to local restaurants with their dining areas closed. One local eating establishment was inadvertently left off that list: Strike Zone in Northwood.

The local bowling alley offers a variety of food for pick up and delivery from 5-9 p.m. More information, and a menu can be found on the Strike Zone Facebook page.

Other area options for food and drink, either for pick-up or delivery, mentioned in the story include Bean & Bistro, Burger King, Cafe Mir in Fertile, Carpenter Bar & Grill, Gobbler's Roost in Grafton, MJ's Bar, Subway, Sue's Corner Post, Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill and Worth Brewing Company.

Harmon waves symbol of hope and encouragement from interstate bridge

By JoAnn Lower

Waving the American flag from the Interstate Bridge has become a Fourth of July tradition for the Harmon family. Stephanie, however, has taken the tradition a step further.

"It's such a heavy time right now," she said. "I thought people traveling on the Interstate could use some encouragement and hope, so on St. Patrick's Day I went to the bridge with my flag. How thrilled I was that people in semis, U-Hauls, cars and trucks enthusiastically waved back at me, honking their horns."

She now drives to the Interstate 2-3 times a day, her husband Keith joining her every afternoon after work.

One day, without Stephanie knowing, a trucker went by, took her picture and posted on Facebook. "How nice to drive to Iowa on a cold, cloudy day and see a beautiful lady waving the flag." His post has been shared nearly 500 times.

"When I go to the bridge waving hope and encouragement to travelers, I know that

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STEPHANIE HARMON

N-K looks at requiring classes during closure

This Friday, school districts in Iowa will have to make a decision on whether or not they will require students to participate in distance learning.

Last week Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds officially extended the time frame for schools to remain closed through April 30. Schools were also given a deadline of April 10 to decide whether they would continue to make online and distance learning optional or mandatory.

Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education outlines the two paths open to Iowa districts.

The first is "Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities."

According to the IDOE guidance, this would be paper packets, teleconferencing, online instruction and other activities.

Student participation would not be required, there would be no grades and no credit would be given.

In the voluntary option, teachers and school staff would be required to do more than post a list of activities that would be available for students and families, they would be required to "engage with learners."

The other option is to require students to participate.

In that approach, the required work would need to be through approve educational services to ensure that the level of work is the same as it would be in the classroom. Attendance would be taken, work would be graded and stu-

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The Week's **WEATHER**
by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

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Easter services move online to accommodate social distancing

With social distancing guidelines in place limiting gatherings of groups of people, area churches are moving online to broadcast their Easter services. The following is a compilation of Facebook, Youtube and website options of area churches.

First Lutheran in Northwood can be found at www.flcnorthwood.org and on Facebook at First Lutheran Church and Sunday School Northwood.

One in Christ Church Lutheran Parish, which includes Silver Lake Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran in Joice will have services posted on their Facebook page and on their YouTube channel. Both their Facebook and YouTube are available under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish". Silver Lake Lutheran also has a Facebook page.

Fertile Lutheran Church is on Facebook under that name. The website is www.fertilelutheranchurch.org.

Crossroads Church in Albert Lea has content on their Facebook page and website at www.crossroadschurchmn.com. It includes worship, video messages and discussion questions. New content is published at 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Emmanuel Lutheran in Grafton is online at www.emmanuelgrafton.org. Services are being post on the Facebook page as well.

Northwood United Methodist Church is online at asburynorthwoodumc.com. A live service will be broadcast at 7 p.m. on Good Friday on the Facebook page.

The Northwood Baptist Church is posting texts of sermons on their Facebook page at Northwood Baptist Church.

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church is posting videos of services at www.fivepointparish.com

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Manly and Grace

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Governor expands business closings, extends end date and orders enforcement

In the past week Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced the details of the latest updates to the State's Health Disaster proclamations, extending the time for social, business and education restrictions through the month of April, while adding more businesses and highlighting an increased focus on enforcement of her orders.

Before an announcement made last week, the recommendation for Iowa schools was that they remain closed through April 13, pending review. Last week Reynolds issued an order that all Iowa schools remain closed through April 30. Any required instructional time requirements would continue to be waived for Iowa districts, assuming they officially adopt a plan for either voluntary or required education. See more in an article on education options in this week's Anchor.

The proclamation made last Thursday also extended the order keeping a wide variety of businesses closed, now through April 30.

That includes restaurants, bars, fitness centers, pools, salons, medical spas, barbershops, tattoo establishments, tanning facilities, massage therapy establishments, theaters, senior citizen centers and adult daycares and casinos. Also included are stores that sell books, clothing, jewelry, luggage, cosmetics, beauty items and perfumes. On Monday, Reynolds added additional businesses and gathering places to those ordered closed. This includes malls; tobacco or vaping stores; toy, gaming, music, instrument, movie or

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Dinnertime

Two bald eagles were spotted bringing home dinner southwest of Northwood recently. The big birds shared feeding duties as little eaglet heads could just be seen bopping up and down in the nest.

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Secretary of State takes steps to encourage absentee voting in June primary

On June 2, voters will be tasked with choosing who will represent their political party for county, state and federal offices in the November general election. The COVID-19 pandemic has raised concerns about the safety of the voting process. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has taken actions to make it easier for Iowans to vote by mail for this election.

On March 23, it was announced that Pate had extended the absentee voting period to 40 days for those that will vote by mail in the primary, which he is encouraging Iowans to do. The extension allows more time to send in ballots and allows county auditors more time to process votes.

"The safety of voters takes precedence, and by encouraging Iowans to vote absentee, we can reduce the risk of community spread of COVID-19," Secretary Pate said.

The absentee voting period for mailed ballots in the June primary will begin on April 23.

Besides extending the absentee voting window, Pate's office announced last week that they planned to mail an absentee ballot request form to every active registered voter in the state ahead of the June 2 primary. The forms will be sent in mid-late April and will include prepaid postage for return mailing to county auditors.

Iowans can request absentee ballots now through May 22. County auditors will begin mailing ballots on April 23.

"The June 2 primary election will go on as scheduled because it's important for Iowans to make their voices heard by voting. The safest way to vote will be by mail."

Eligible Iowans who have not registered to vote or updated their registration should do so now to ensure the absentee ballot request form goes to the correct address.

For the first time, Iowans who are 17 years old and will be 18 by November 3 can vote in the June primary.

Iowans can register to vote online or download a printable voter registration form at sos.iowa.gov/registertovote.

Polling sites will be open for the June 2 primary election, but many will be combined with other precincts. Voters should check with their county auditor before going to the polls.

Curbside voting is an option for Iowans with disabilities, those who might have trouble entering a polling place, and Iowans who are in the Center for Disease Control's at-risk population for COVID-19.

Iowans can download a printable absentee ballot request form online at sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf.

More information is available online at VoterReady.Iowa.gov.



Like the Thanksgiving Day parade for Easter

Easter is on the way this weekend, and many have taken the opportunity to spread some Easter cheer with a variety of decorations. That includes this inflatable Easter Bunny and his all too conspicuous Easter egg.

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adult entertainment stores; social or fraternal clubs, which locally would include VFW and American Legion halls and golf course country clubs; bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, arcades and amusement parks; museums, libraries, aquariums and zoos; race tracks; roller and ice rinks and parks; outdoor and indoor playgrounds; and campgrounds, except when someone is living there long-term. Monday's order also banned unsolicited door-to-door sales in Iowa.

While all of these businesses are ordered to close their doors, they may be allowed to sell items over the phone, online and for curbside pick up or delivery.

The order does not affect any stores that sell groceries, medical supplies and household goods, in addition to the types of items mentioned above.

Also prohibited through April 30 are gatherings of more than 10 people, for any reason, with one exception.

The proclamation specifically addresses auctions, officially making it known that no auctions can be held with more than 10 people present. The governor's proclamation made an exception for livestock options for food animals, where 25 people can gather in person.

The latest order notes that people inside vehicles with all windows, sunroofs and tops closed do not count towards the social gathering limits.

All nonessential and elective surgeries using personal protective equipment, as well as routine dental procedures are also prohibited under the state's health emergency proclamation, extending the previous date for the prohibition of those services.

An emphasis was made at a press conference held by Reynolds on Monday that there would be stepped up enforcement of her orders, noting that all law enforcement in the state were being asked to take a more aggressive approach to social gatherings, saying that those that violate the order may be subject to misdemeanor charges.

Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens said that law enforcement would first educate those violating the order and ask them to voluntarily disperse, but would then actively enforce the Governor's order.

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dents would receive credit for their efforts.

Online would be the typical method of administering these classes, though accommodations would be allowed for students that don't have access to a computer or to the internet.

If a school district chooses to require students to take part, they must use services and methods approved by the DOE.

According to the DOE guidance, districts may also use some combination of voluntary and required education, depending on grade. They may also switch from voluntary to required between April 13 and April 30.

Last week Northwood-Kensett superintendent Mike Crozier provided an update to N-K students and families.

In it, he said that district staff were disappointed that they would be separated from students for several more weeks.

In regards to the choice to be made, Crozier advised that the district's school board would be reviewing options for continued learning and consider a plan based on the needs of the students, families and staff.

Crozier said that he hoped to share a plan by this Friday, April 10.

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I'm touching a lot of hearts. Their responses lift my spirits as much as I lift theirs."

A note from this reporter: To better understand why Stephanie interrupts her day to stand on the bridge waving to strangers, I bundled up in my winter coat, stocking cap, winter gloves and joined her. As I held up the flag in the morning breeze, the honking and waving deeply touched my heart.

The Harmons' flag waving is a message of solidarity in this uncertain time. "We are not alone. We are America. We will get through this."



JoAnn Lower proudly waving the flag on the Interstate 35 bridge while visiting with the Harmons.

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Three tips to planning efficient home cooked meals

A few generations ago, dining out was an experience reserved for special occasions. However, until recently, when restaurants were shuttered in the wake of the public health crisis prompted by the spread of COVID-19, many people were dining out multiple times a week.

Hospitality solutions provider Fourth surveyed 1,000 American adults in 2019 and 56 percent reported dining out at least two to three times per week. Ten percent said they ate out four to six times each week, while six percent said they dined out everyday.

People accustomed to relying on restaurant for meals multiple times per week may be unaccustomed to cooking many meals at home, which has become the norm thanks to restrictions placed on restaurants and other food-related businesses as part of COVID-19 social distancing precautions. Learning how to shop for food and prepare items by maximizing available ingredients can reduce trips to the store and help people reduce food waste at a time when food is not as readily available as it once was.

1. Plan meals/browse circulars

Meal planning and shopping lists are vital tools for people preparing meals at home. Without doing so, individuals can be left floundering in the supermarket, spending more money than necessary and making impulse purchases (all the while forgetting items they truly need). Use sales circulars to browse weekly discounted items at stores. Build a week's worth of meals off of these sale items — going so far as to write out a cursory menu — then fill in any extra ingredients or staples needed on a shopping list. Leave a day or two for leftovers. Try organizing the list to follow the natural layout where items are arranged in the store.

2. Shop smart

With paper and pen in hand or a digital list compiled on your phone, go aisle by aisle and check off items as they are added to the cart. If you are shopping for food you hope will last a week or more, consider substituting canned and frozen foods and other nonperishables for fresh items because they can be stored for longer periods of time. "Club size" or "family size" packages of foods may cost less per volume and can be subdivided and stored for later use.

3. Minimize waste

Cook only as much as is needed for the household. Generally speaking, a meat or poultry serving of three to four ounces per person is adequate. That means a roast or steak of 1 1/2 to two pounds is fine for a family of four. Use up older frozen or perishable foods first. Store foods properly and use them before the use-by date. Wrap up leftovers and turn them into new meals.

With proper planning and smart thinking, homecooking can be more efficient and less wasteful.



Grin and bear it

Many in the area have taken the opportunity to decorate and populate their windows to provide greetings and messages to those passing by. For many, that has taken the form of a stuffed animal in a window. At United Methodist Church in Northwood, this bear is just one of several plush pals perched for the perusal of passersby.

Property taxes to increase 2.95% in N-K budget

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting tomorrow Thursday, April 9, to discuss the district's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2020, and ends on June 30, 2021.

Taxies levied on property in the district will increase from the re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year.

Half of the equation used to determine property taxes is the property tax levy, which will decrease, according to the proposed district budget.

The proposed property tax rate for the coming fiscal year is $12.66012 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. That is a decrease of $0.04931 from the current year's tax levy of $12.70943.

The other half of the equation that determines the amount of property taxes the district will receive in the coming fiscal year is taxable valuations, which will increase.

The end result of the decreased levy and the increased valuations means an increase in taxes levied on property, from $3,266,137 for the current fiscal year, based on re-estimated figures. The budget for the coming fiscal year shows taxes levied on property totaling $3,362,546. That is an increase of $96,409, or 2.95 percent.

Total revenues and other sources of income for the district for the coming year will increase compared to total revenues for the current fiscal year.

Total revenues and other funding sources for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 were budgeted at $13,242,761. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues and other income of $8,963,417. That is a difference of $4,279,344, or 47.74 percent.

That increase primarily comes in the form of borrowing against sales tax revenue that the district plans to use for the construction of an activity center to be used by students and by the community. That borrowing is reflected in $4,035,000 in the category of "general long-term debt proceeds."

Total expenditures and other sources of spending will show an increase between the current and coming fiscal years as well, but not as much as revenues, with the activity center expected to begin construction in the coming fiscal year, but not be completed until the following year.

The current fiscal year's budget included $585,770 in the category "Facilities Acquisition and Construction." The coming fiscal year calls for $1,596,673. The increase would be for funds for the intial construction needs for the activity center, as well as a new transportation building planned for this summer.

The budget for the coming fiscal year includes total expenditures of $9,717,325. The re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total expenditures of $8,206,904. That is an increase of $1,510,421, or 18.40 percent.

The district's fund balance will increase between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The beginning fund balance for the coming fiscal year that begins on July 1, according to the proposed budget, will be $4,150,799 and the ending fund balance will be $7,664,055 on June 30, 2021. That is an increase of $3,513,256, or 84.64 percent. That fund balance will reflect the borrowed funds the district will have on hand to pay for the completion of the activity center.

Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 2020, show that the district's fund balance will have increased from $3,406,286 to the beginning fund balance mentioned above. That is an increase of $744,513, or 21.86 percent over the course of the current fiscal year.

The public hearing for the coming fiscal year's budget will be held at next regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education on Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m. According to the meeting's agenda, those that have comments are asked to submit written comments. See more at the district's website, nkvikings.com.

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Lutheran Church of Hanlontown can be found on Facebook at Hope United Parish, Bethlehem and Grace, where video sermons are posted.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly is on Facebook. The website is www.sacredheartmanly.org, or epiphanyparish.org, where videos are also posted.

The United Methodist churches in Manly (Bethel) and Bolan (Trinity) have a website at www.bethelt rinityumc.webs.com. Live services are also on the Facebook pages of each church.

Bethany and Elk Creek Lutheran churches are broadcasting services on radio station 97.1 FM and live streaming audio at www.kensttia.com under "church service"at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

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The staff of Olson Insurance took their own Porch Photo Project picture last Friday with Jodie Bachtle. They are seen above with their donation to the Worth County Community Pantry. Pictured at right is Kat Polfer as she takes a photo of a family on their front steps.

Capturing the moment while keeping distant, for a good cause

Two local photographers spent last weekend adapting to the world around them in a unique way and for a good cause.

Katherine Polfer, of Katherine Kay Photography, and Jodie Bachtle, of Jodie Bachtle Photography and NV Studios, have decided that they weren't going to let social distancing stop them from capturing special moments for families, friends and businesses.

"I have been trying to think over the last week how I can spread joy and serve my community during this difficult time," Polfer said in a Facebook post about the project. "When my friend sent me an article about other photographers that were also wanting to serve their community and document this time, and I thought this was PERFECT!"

With the assistance of zoom lenses, the local photographers are maintaining social distances while arranging what they are calling porch photography.

Their subjects stand on their porches, front steps or in front of their businesses while Bachtle and Polfer stand at least six feet away and snap their photos in 5-10 minute sessions. Beyond the recommended distances, the families arranging the photos choose their own props and decorations.

Photos are downloaded and sent to the families that take part, and some are shared on the photographer's Facebook pages.

And what are the photographers charging for their services? They are asking for donations to the Worth County Community Pantry.

For both, it's a matter of showing that we're all in this together, even if we have to stay apart.

In the words of Worth County Community Pantry organizers: "What a great opportunity to get some memorable pictures done and support a local cause!"

Those interested in taking part can find out more and view examples of the photos on the NV Studios and Jodie Bachtle Photography and Katherine Kay Photography Facebook pages.

Those that would like to donated to the Worth County Community Pantry, without a photo involved, may send money via PayPal to nwdcommunitycenter@gmail.com; mail a check, made out to WCCOP, P.O. Box 275, Northwood, IA 50459; or drop off a check at Welsh Chiropractic. To prevent the spread of COVID 19, the Community Pantry is currently not accepting food donations from private homes.

Let Us Talk



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Today I need to thank all of you for adapting to our new world. None of us have ever experienced times like these. Staying six feet away is difficult when we need a hug. Continue taking care of yourself, your family and your neighbors.

I just want to remind everyone that the 2020 Census is going on. The census provides vital information for you and your community:

It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries.

Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs, including new roads, schools and emergency services.

Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than $675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

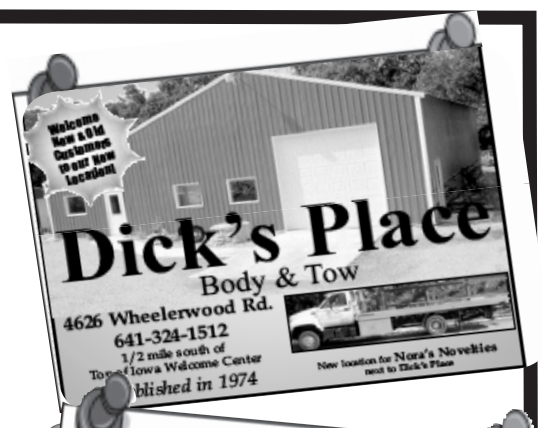
Please take the time to respond to the census. You can respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. Thank you.

Clean Up Days are coming. This Spring they will be April 22 through April 25. This is a great opportunity for residents of Northwood to do their part in cleaning up our city. Remember to apply social distancing, six (6) feet apart and no groups over ten (10).

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood

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Kindergarten teacher Nochol Hebel is pictured (top row, second from left) as she meets with students online.

Education at a distance:
Hebel works to connect with kids that miss the classroom

By JoAnn Lower

Nichol Hebel, Kindergarten teacher at N-K, posts every day on Seesaw and Facebook. She recently conducted a Zoom conference where she was able to see and talk with her students and their parents.

"It's been quite a challenge, but we are doing the best we can. The kids miss being at school with their friends but are excited to get their packets in the mail."

"Workers at school are helping stuff the packets, and every week a packet is sent out to each student. It's a lot of hard work by a lot of good people. Our administrators have planned to make this a good transition, and I feel very supported."

Education at a distance:
Howie provides artistic opportunities for students stuck at home

By JoAnn Lower

Morgan Howie, N-K's Kindergarten through 12th grade art teacher, is providing her at-home students with exciting and creative learning projects.

"It's not like being in the classroom, but I want to provide guidance at home even if they only have a pencil and paper."

Her first graders who read the book, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," are enjoying the enriching experience of drawing pigeons.

Her second and third graders are creating little houses and villages after reading the book, "The Big Orange Splot."

Fourth graders and up have laptops with projects she posts on Google Classroom.

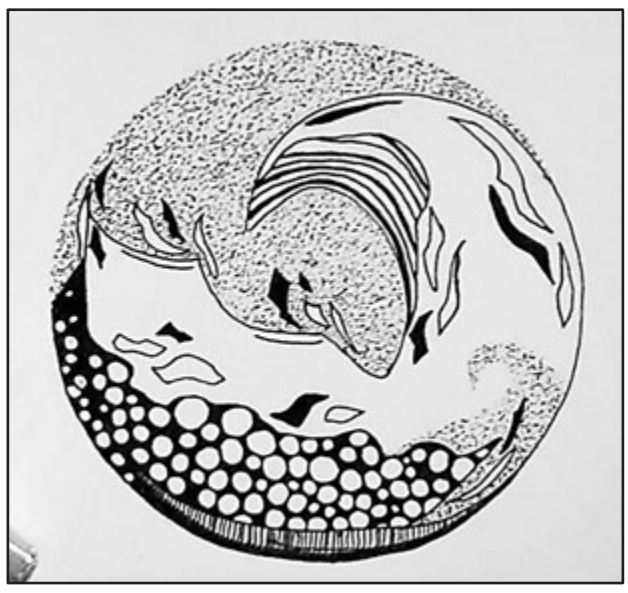
As a result, fourth graders are creating robots, while fifth and sixth graders are free to choose what they want to do. One, for example, was to take a photo of an object and its shadow and turn it into a drawing.

To her junior high kids she gives a free-choice board, and high schoolers are all doing something different.

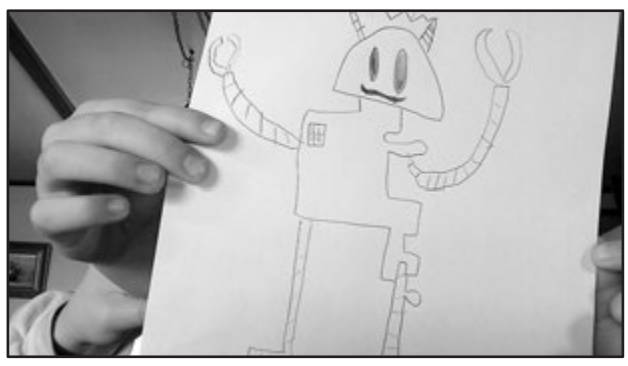
"Right now, because it's new and teachers are trying to navigate it all, kids are feeling a bit overwhelmed to sit down and do the work the teachers are asking. My hope is in the next few weeks they will become more comfortable with school online."



MORGAN HOWIE



This drawing was done by Marisa Halbach with the prompt to pick a shape and use it to create a drawing, as a part of a bingo art choice board



Pictured is Jaxon Duvall's drawing of a robot.

Education at a distance:
Thorson encourages students to cook with family to keep up classroom skills

By JoAnn Lower

Megan Thorson teaches Family and Consumer Sciences to grades 7-12 at N-K. She uses Google Classroom, which is like a virtual classroom, where she posts several videos she has made as well as attaching assignments.

"Some of my students are super tech savvy," said Thorson. "They sometimes know more technology than teachers. Kids teaching the teachers."

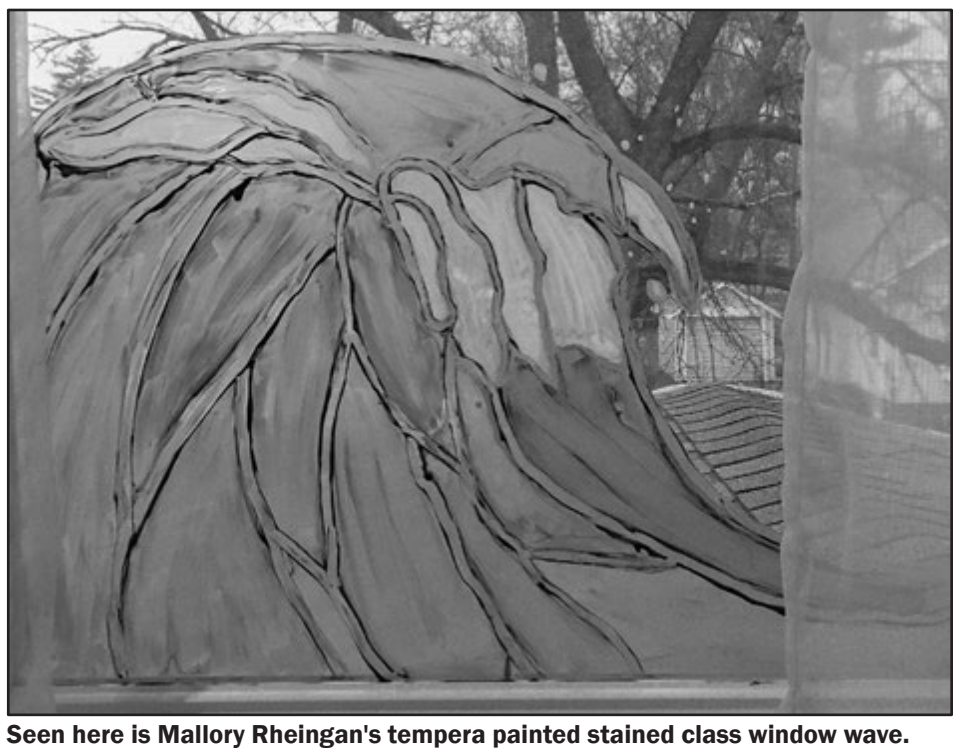
"Our classes in the school kitchen are mostly hands-on, where my students are learning a new skill, making recipes, etc."



MEGAN THORSON

"The downside of teaching online is that I'm not able to see their demonstrations, and I'm not sure what kind of ingredients or equipment they have available. However, I try to interact with each of them as best I can, read their posts and have conversations with them."

"I want my students to stay engaged with activities and encourage them to take time to cook with their families."



Seen here is Mallory Rheingan's tempera painted stained class window wave.

Education at a distance:
Barnes uses online resources to keep students attuned to musical lessons

By JoAnn Lower

Jared Barnes, Instrumental Music teacher for grades 5-12 at N-K, uses Google Classroom, a free online service, as his classroom bulletin board.

Jared, who refers to himself as a "24/7 help center," spends the majority of his days and evenings on his computer answering students' questions.

He posts weekly assignments in music theory, listening and playing. The playing assignment is through SmartMusic, music-learning software for educators and students that makes practicing and tracking student progress easy and fun.

"Music technology has really stepped up to the plate and offered programs like SmartMusic free for all schools when normally the programs would cost $40-$60 a year per student," said Barnes.

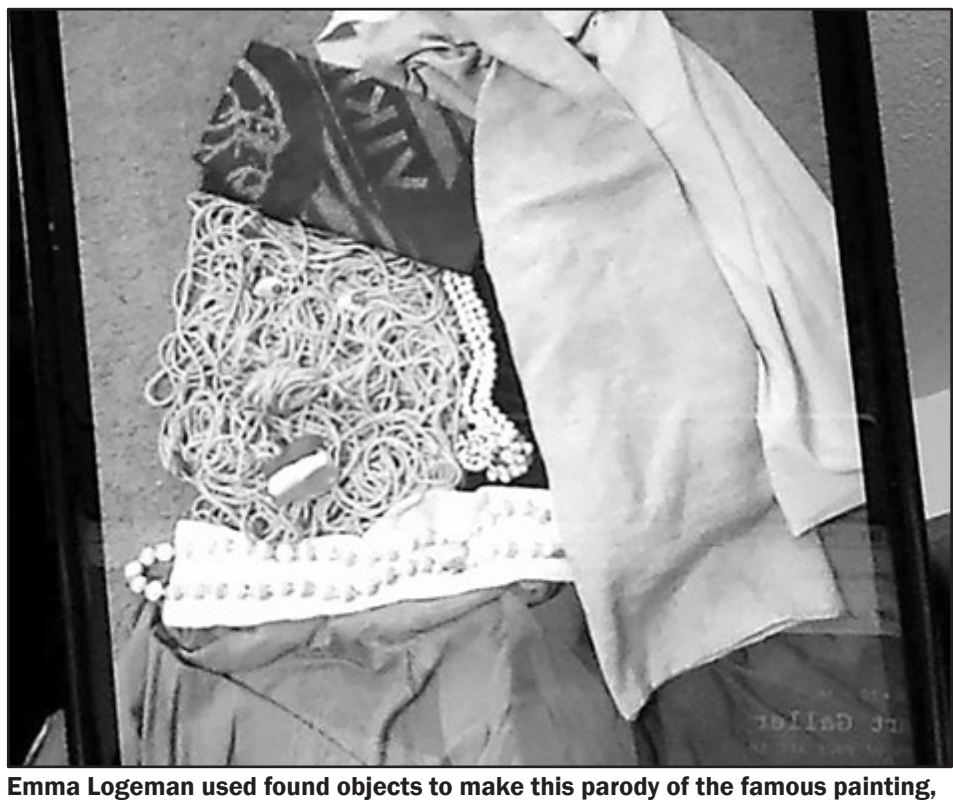
"The junior high just finished the unit on opera before this happened. So my first task was to have them do virtual tours of opera halls that I found on Google."



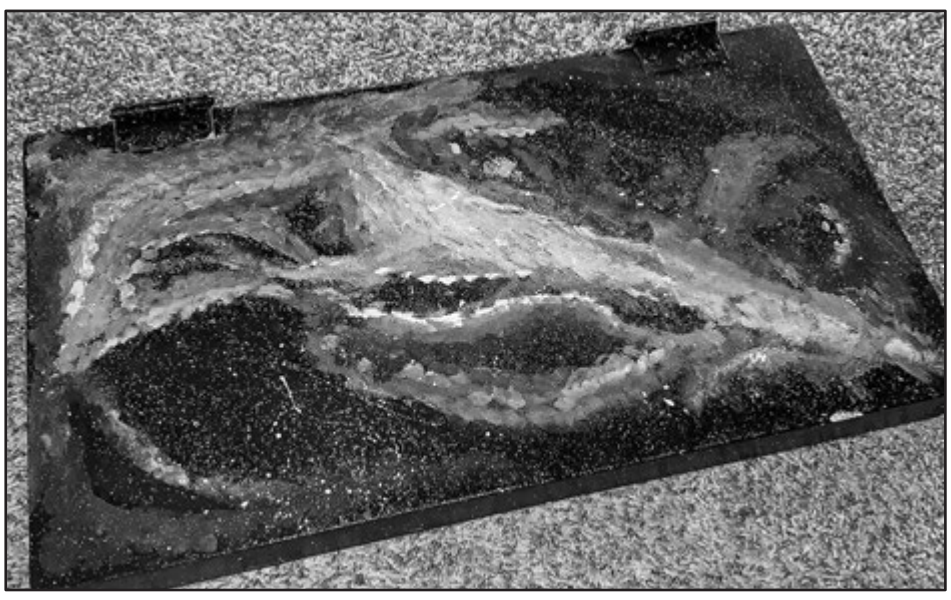
JARED BARNES

"I have my high schoolers listen to really great bands, then ask them what makes this band sound so good – something that will help them when we come together again."

"This is an unusual time, but I want it to be meaningful for my students. We're all doing the best we can. We'll find a way through."



Emma Logeman used found objects to make this parody of the famous painting, "The Girl with the Pearl Earing."



Josiah Kliment used his galaxy painting skills and created a case for a Monopoly board.





Palm Sunday drive

A mobile caravan of nearly 40 vehicles called the world to Holy Week on Sunday, April 5, from Bethany Lutheran Church. They drove through Kensett honking and waving. In the lead car, decorated with palm branches, were Pastor Tom Martin and his wife Donna.





Former schoolhouses in Northwood

Information was recently posted on Facebook by the Forgotten Iowa Historical Society that shared the location of 10 former rural schoolhouses that were relocated into Northwood and, for the most part, turned into homes. In the next few weeks, the Anchor continue sharing a current look at these homes, along with information from the Historical Society. Pictured at top is the home located 402 10th Street South, which is the former Kensett No. 6 schoolhouse. Pictured below is a relocated schoolhouse that most in the community are familiar with, Grove No. 5, which was relocated to Northwood for use as the Swensrud School Museum.

Can't get to the store? Try emergency food substitutions

The outbreak of COVID 19, a disease caused by the new coronavirus, and closure of dine-in eating establishments have prompted many Iowans to cook at home for family meals. However, some have also found they were missing a few ingredients for some of their favorite recipes.

Nutrition and wellness state specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach say there are ways to prevent making a special trip to the grocery store. Ruth Litchfield and Sarah Francis suggest the following emergency substitutions for some common recipe ingredients in the pantry:

If the recipe calls for one teaspoon of baking powder, replace it with 1/4 teaspoon baking soda plus 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar. OR replace it with 1/4 teaspoon baking soda plus 1/2 cup sour milk (and reduce the liquid in recipe by 1/2 cup).

For baking, replace 1 cup butter, margarine or vegetable shortening with one cup oil; OR 3/4 cup applesauce, apple butter, or avocado plus 1/4 cup solid fat; or one cup ripened/mashed bananas.

Replace one ounce unsweetened chocolate with three tablespoons cocoa powder plus one tablespoon butter, margarine or vegetable shortening; or with one ounce semi-sweet chocolate minus one tablespoon sugar.

Replace one tablespoon cornstarch with two tablespoons of flour or two tablespoons tapioca pearls.

Replace one cup buttermilk or sour milk with one tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar plus one cup milk (let this solution sit for 10 minutes before using it). or use 2/3 cup plain yogurt plus 1/3 cup milk.

Replace one cup milk with 1/2 cup evaporated milk plus 1/2 cup water OR with 1/3 cup nonfat dry milk plus 7/8 cup water.

Replace one tablespoon coffee creamer with one tablespoon instant dry milk plus one tablespoon water.

Replace one cup brown sugar with one cup granulated sugar plus two tablespoons molasses.

Replace one cup granulated sugar with one cup light brown sugar or 1 3/4 cup powdered sugar.

For more emergency substitutions see "Recipe Basics -- Measure Accurately, Substitute Wisely, Adjust Carefully" on the Extension Store.

Avoid emergencies, plan ahead

To prevent additional trips to the grocery store and these emergency substitutions in the future, Litchfield and Francis suggest setting aside 20-30 minutes to plan your menus for the week. This planning can help decrease time spent in the kitchen and improve menu variety and nutrition, as well as save money. Here's how to get started:

Use a meal planning worksheet and grocery checklist. Spend Smart. Eat Smart. has a 5-day meal planning worksheet in English and Spanish, as well as a grocery checklist.

Check what you have on hand. There's no time like the present to take inventory of food in your cupboards, freezer and refrigerator that need to be used.

Think of meal and snack ideas that can use up items you have on hand. Write these ideas down. You may need to buy additional items for these ideas; write them on the grocery list. Consider using an app to help you identify how to use various food items you may have on hand. The Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, a leading source for online culinary training, has examined several apps.

Check grocery specials. Use the weekly flyer or grocery store app to find the sale items for the week. Write down ideas for using sale items in meals or snacks.

Plan for leftovers. Cooking a roast early in the week can provide leftovers to incorporate into a stew or stir-fry later in the week.

Review your meals to check if each of the food groups are in most of your meals.

For ideas, look at these sample menu plans from ISU Extension and Outreach and from ChooseMyPlate.gov.

For additional menu planning tips see Spend Smart. Eat Smart and ChooseMyPlate.gov

Have other food-related questions? AnswerLine from ISU Extension and Outreach provides information and resources for Iowa consumers with home and family questions. Call 1-800-262-3804 or 1-800-735-2942 (Relay Iowa phone linkage for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing). The hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.

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Thanking God



There is something in the act of thanking God that makes us instantly feel better. Perhaps it is the realization that we have been blessed by God, blessed to be alive, blessed to have food to eat, and blessed to have family and friends to share our lives with. And even when we are struggling, we can always find something to thank God for, even if the only thing we can think of is to thank him for our struggles, which are chances to grow and develop. The start and end of each day is a great time to consciously thank God. Before getting out of bed every morning, take a few moments to thank God for another day. Life is good and beautiful and every day gives us opportunities to love and serve our fellow creatures. And as we lay ourselves down at the end of each day, taking time to thank God for bringing us safely through another day, and thinking about all the things that went well that day is a great way to end each day. Being conscious of all that we have to be thankful for keeps us from wallowing in self-pity and helps us focus on the positive aspects of life. There is much to be thankful for, and thanking God for everything creates a mindset that anything and everything can actually be cause for thanksgiving. – Christopher Simon

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: midwestfoodie@gmail.com

Everyone knows Reader's Digest. Their condensed books were around for decades and their magazine remains one of the most well-read publications. They also published various hard-cover books, cookbooks among them. "Reader's Digest Down Home Cooking The New, Healthier Way" (1994, The Reader's Digest Assoc. Inc., Plesantville, New York) has taken favorite and well-loved recipes and they have been "…updated by professional recipe developers and nutrition experts to accommodate today's nutritional guidelines and busier lifestyles." Of course, those guidelines are now 25 years old so I've adapted some of them for us to enjoy.

U.S. Senate Bean Soup

1 pound dry navy beans
3 cups chopped yellow onion
12 cups cold water
2 cups chopped celery
2 meaty ham hocks, about 2 pounds
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
1 cup mashed potatoes.

SANDY'S NOTE: you can make the mashed potatoes from good quality instant potatoes, using directions on the package. Ore Ida® is a convenient brand and comes in a garlic flavor which works well with the rest of the ingredients.

The night before, pick over the beans to remove any small stones or discolored beans. Place the beans in a heavy Dutch oven and cover with cold water. Let them soak overnight. In the morning, pour off the soaking water and rinse the beans. Return them to the pot and add the cold water and ham hocks. Bring to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat, cover and let them simmer for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally, until the beans are almost tender. Skim any foam off the water if necessary. Stir in the onions, celery, mashed potatoes and garlic. Raise the heat to high and again bring the soup to a boil. Cover and simmer for 1 hour or until the vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Season with pepper to taste. Using a slotted spoon, remove the ham hocks to a cutting board and when cool enough to handle remove the meat, cutting it into bite-sized pieces. Return the meat back into the soup, discarding the bones and any fat. Add the parsley and serve. Makes 6 servings of 1 1/2 cups each.

Cider-Baked Pork Chops

1/2 cup sweet apple cider
1 clove garlic, minced
4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
4 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce
2 teaspoons honey
4 bone-in loin pork chops, 1-inch thick; each about 8 oz.

In a large shallow glass baking dish mix all ingredients except the chops. Arrange the chops in the dish, in a single layer, turning each one to coat with the sauce. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight, turning the chops several times as they marinate. The next day, preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Drain off all but 1/4 cup of the marinade and reserve. Bake the chops uncovered, turning once and frequently brushing with the reserved marinade, for 25 minutes. Serve with potatoes and green salad. Makes 4 servings.

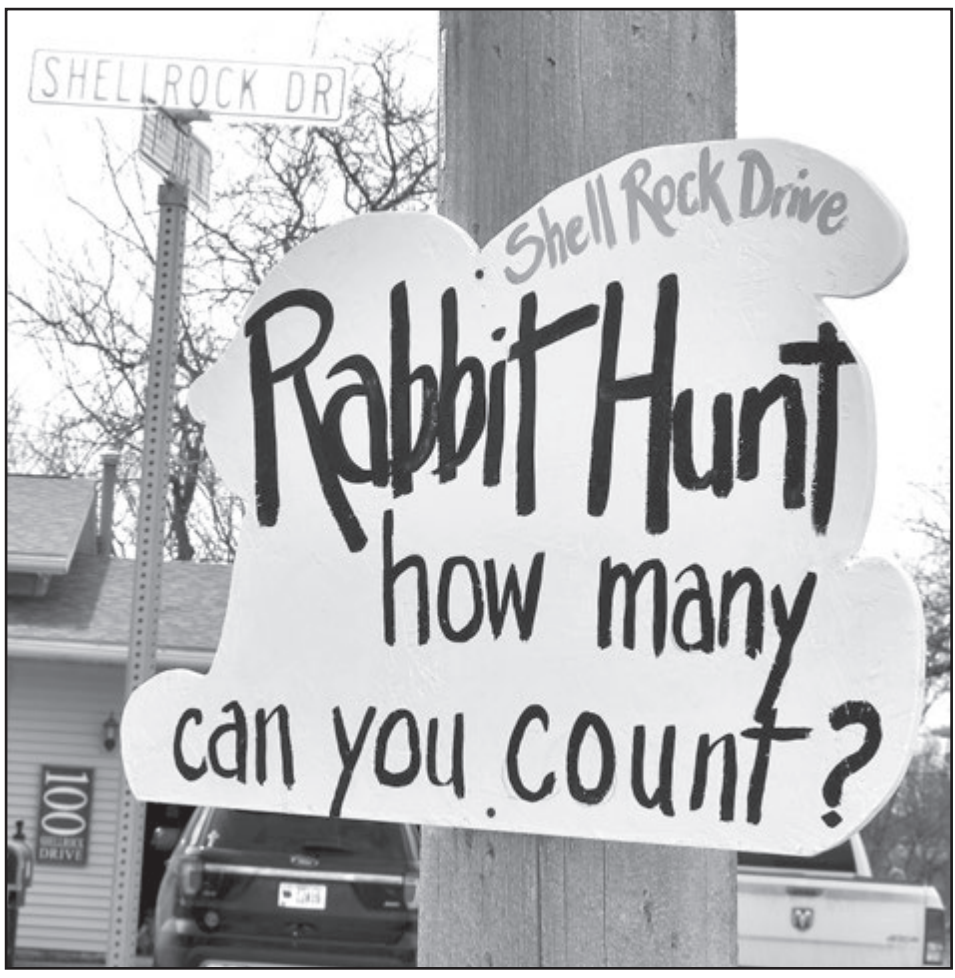
Cinnamon Flop

For the topping:
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
For the flop:
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 stick unsalted real butter, melted
1 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 large egg
1 cup low-fat (2%) milk
1 large egg white

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour a 9x13-inch baking pan. In a small bowl, mix the topping ingredients together. In another small bowl mix the dry ingredients together. In a medium bowl, with an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until light yellow. Add the egg and egg white and beat 2 minutes on medium until fluffy. Stir in the dry flour mixture, 1/3 at a time, alternating with the milk. Begin and end with the flour. Spread 1/2 of the batter in the baking pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 of the topping. Repeat with remaining batter and topping. Using a kitchen knife, cut through the batter several times, swirling the topping into the batter. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out with moist crumbs attached. Cut into 3-inch squares and serve warm with coffee or tea. Makes 12 servings.

There are a few "old guard" companies in America that one can count on for publications that are entertaining, enlightening and consistent. Reader's Digest has always been one of them. I still read their monthly magazine although now I like the large-print edition! I also like their down-to-earth recipes. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





The search is on

The residents of Northwood's Shell Rock Drive recently decided to provide a unique activity for those escaping their home isolation with a warm weather walk or relaxing drive. Those traveling on the street will be welcomed by the sign seen above to count the number of rabbits seen in windows and on and around the houses on the street.

Clean Up Days start April 22

With spring cleaning and many taking advantage of extra time in the home, the City of Northwood will once again be offering a chance to dispose of items at the city yard with Clean Up Days, April 22-25.

The City will provide dumpsters for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

Appliance pick up will take place during the fall clean up days in October.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The following week the City will pick up piles of brush trimmings throughout the city.

More information is available by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up days may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthc ounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

Iowa DOT to issue restricted commercial driver's licenses remotely

With spring planting season just around the corner, many Iowa farm workers will need to obtain a restricted commercial driver's license to assist with farm operations.

To limit the number of people who come into the service centers and reduce their potential exposure to COVID-19, the Iowa Department of Transportation will be reviewing applications and issuing restricted commercial driver's licenses remotely and mailing them out to these customers. Those that need to obtain a restricted commercial driver's license may contact CDL Program administrators at cdl.program@iowadot.us.

What is a restricted commercial driver's license?

A restricted commercial driver's license may be issued to eligible suppliers or employees of suppliers of agricultural chemicals, fertilizer, seed or animal feeds to operate a Class B or Class C vehicle for up to 180 days during a calendar year.

More information is available online at iowadot.gov/mvd/CDL/Restricted-CDL.

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Calendar of Events for April 2020

April 8–Virtual Beef Quality Assurance Training, Online, 7 to 9 P.M. with Russ Euken, Regional ISU Extension Livestock Field Specialist

April 9–4-H e-Staff WEB EX Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, Webinar at 3 P.M. with Mindy Tenold, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator, Paige DeArmoun, Interim Worth County Extension Office Assistant and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

April 9–Worth County Fair Board Online Meeting, Teleconference, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Chad Nelson, Worth County Fairboard President

April 14–Agriculture and Natural Resources ISU Extension Training at Via Zoom Online Connection, 1 to 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 14–Worth County 4-H Poultry Project Zoom Meeting at Via Zoom Pro Connection, 5:30 to 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Michele Kelly, Fayette County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator

April 15–4-Hers for 4-H Due at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood with Worth County Extension Lacey Waller Office Manager

April 15–ISU Extension KGLO Radio Update, Telephone Interview, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Jesse Stuart KGLO Radio Farm News Director

April 23–Worth County Extension Council Meeting, Teleconference, 7 P.M. with Jayne Lupkes, Worth County Extension Council President, Donovan Olson, ISU Extension Regional Extension Education Director and Dennis Johnson

April 24–4-H Livestock Judges Training, Virtual ISU Extension Web Ex Meeting, TBD with Dennis Johnson, and Amy Powell, State 4-H Livestock ISU Extension Office

April 29–NAE 4-H Organizational Meeting, Virtual Webinar, 1 to 3 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 30–North Central Iowa Extension Ag. Team Meeting, irtual Zoom Meeting, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 30–ISU Extension Finances of Caregiving Virtual Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting, 2-3:30 P.M. with Brenda Schmitt, ISU Extension Regional Financial Management Specialist and Dennis Johnson

Mid-May–Worth County Fairgrounds Garden Planting Day, TBD Based on Social Gathering Guidelines with Dennis Johnson and Worth County Extension Master Gardner's

May 31–4-H Livestock ID's due to State 4-H Office at Iowa State Fair, Des Moines with Dennis Johnson

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No Easter for America?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Because of Covid-19 many churches will not be in their sanctuaries for Easter, April 12, 2020.

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between March 22nd and April 25th. The dates change because Easter happens on the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon. The word Paschal means "Passover" in Greek which is a transliteration of the Hebrew word pesach. The Paschal Full Moon is the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This is sometimes referred to as the Egg Moon. This moon sometimes occurs in March and sometimes in April. So, April 12 is not locked in for Easter every year, but it is the date for 2020.

Easter 2020 will be remembered for a very long time as the Sunday America had no Easter. Or, the Easter where churches did not gather in small and large buildings. This is disappointing to multitudes. It is the "one" Sunday that many Americans attend church. Globally, churches pull out all the stops for presenting their best music. Ministers have been working the last several weeks polishing up their sermons. But it's the same story, the old story that, once a year, people come to hear.

Some people still buy new clothes for Easter. Americans are more casual than ever but retailers still make out good for Easter, but not this year. Macy's and other retailers just furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers. For these retailers Easter has been cancelled and they are feeling it in their pocketbooks.

The first Easter didn't have a date of April 12. We don't know the date. We do know that the followers of Jesus were terrified. They had just watched him crucified on a cross and they feared they were next. Financially they were struggling because they had left everything to follow Jesus. They had "sheltered" themselves in fear of the religious opposition.

That first Sunday morning Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. In the middle of her sorrow Jesus appeared, spoke her name and Mary realizing it was Jesus called him "Teacher". She must have put her arms around Jesus because he said, "Don't hold onto me, I have not ascended to my father." John 20:17 Essentially, he said, "Don't touch me!" This story is more relevant all the time. The saddest weekend of Mary's life turned into the greatest day of her life as she became the first witness of the risen Jesus, later exclaiming to the disciples, "I have seen The Lord!" Wouldn't you like to have that kind of Easter? We will miss gathering in church this Easter but experiencing Easter and the risen Christ can happen even if you are alone.

There will be Easter on April 12. There will be Easter for every person on the planet who will take the time to celebrate the old story, the good news of Easter wherever you are and whatever your situation, this Easter 2020.

More information on Glenn Mollette, his books and music can be found online at www.glennmollette.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/glennmollette.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I was walking down a trail in Alaska when I met a grizzly bear. It stood up on its hind legs and went "Rowwwrrr!" I soiled myself.

I would have too.

No, I meant just now.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Superstition says if you say "rabbit, rabbit" aloud upon arising on the first day of a month you'll have good luck all month. I often forget, but on the last April 1, I bellowed it for all the world to hear. On a totally unrelated note, my car is getting three weeks to the gallon. One of the many problems of living in unprecedented times is that I may not have appreciated the precedented times enough.

I've hunkered down lower and lower. I'm thankful I've managed to avoid watching marble racing. My wife had worn a mask and gloves to go grocery shopping. I wanted her to wear a HAZMAT suit. I'm a husband. I need affirmation and treats. And news. I asked her if she'd heard any tales from a foreign land (the grocery store). Before she could reply, the phone rang. Someone called to tell me that spring had sprung. That scared me. I hoped the weather wasn't listening. He asked what I was doing while on a short tether. I told him it's important to do something you love. He ended the call by thanking me for reminding him he'd love to take a nap.

Thoughts while trying to stay out of my own way

Few things match the thrill of getting the first mosquito bite of the season.

For many, tornado preparedness is bringing in the plastic deck chairs.

Hindsight is 20-20 unless it's my car's backup mirror, which occasionally has a dirty lens.

I remember staring at a framed display in school. It appeared to be showcasing how acupuncture had proven to be the wrong treatment choice for butterflies. I wonder who collected all those butterflies and what happened to them?

I miss

Going into a restaurant and ordering an all-day breakfast, even though I wouldn't have the time to be there all day eating a breakfast.

Trying to get kids outdoors by scattering iPhones all over the lawn.

Traveling to places like Switzerland. It's a lovely place to visit and its flag is a big plus.

Waving back at people who I thought were waving at me, but were waving at someone else and having to drop my waving hand as if it were a falling leaf.

I've learned

Roads covered in banana peels are slippery.

It doesn't help much to give a sermon while changing a flat. You'll be preaching to the tire.

Never to walk on a hotel treadmill while watching a track meet on TV.

Oatmeal cookies are often disguised as chocolate chip cookies.

Getting older is the adult thing to do.

When you're self-employed, you spend all day in staff meetings.

Standing on one leg on a bathroom scale isn't an effective diet, but I'll keep trying it.

Marriage teaches you how to have a long argument using nothing but your eyes.

Nature notes

Red-winged blackbirds are the sounds of spring. Rooster pheasants crowed. Canada geese claimed nest sites. That's a noisy job. Turkey vultures tilted through the sky. The poet Mary Oliver wrote, "Like large dark lazy butterflies they sweep over the glades looking for death, to eat it, to make it vanish, to make of it the miracle: resurrection."

Tundra swan flocks, eastern bluebirds and brown-headed cowbirds suddenly appeared whenever a birder was near. Cowbirds are brood parasites. They don't build nests. Instead, they lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. The host birds incubate cowbird eggs and raise the chicks, often to the detriment of their own offspring. Sandhill cranes rattled, trumpeted and bugled as they took flight. Opportunistic omnivores, their varied diet includes waste corn, small mammals, amphibians, insects, reptiles and snails. Northern harriers return when the snow leaves the fields. Once called a marsh hawk, it courses low over the ground while hunting small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects. They locate some prey by sound.

Pocket gopher mounds declare the frost is out of the ground. I thought of the garden. I used to plant marigolds around the borders of vegetable gardens to discourage rabbits. I stopped when the eastern cottontails began eating marigolds.

Meeting adjourned

"Kind words, kind looks, kind acts, and warm handshakes — these are means of grace when men in trouble are fighting their unseen battles." — John Hall. Make them air handshakes.

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Fit to print... Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The eventual construction continues on what was once The Northwood Lumber Co., alias The Farmers Yard.

Brother Dave, class of '54, and I spent our hours working and occasionally as nuisances there under the direction of our dad John N. and our cousin, Dean Thompson, manager.

We picked up lumber from railroad cars at the depot, stacked it in the subject of your picture. All, of course, summer and part time. There is much more to remind me by that picture: The Farmers Yard and the many associated as to work and as customers. I am pleased to see it given a new life, yet also a bit of sadness of things past.

But now, unimportant, in view of our common, alien, apolitical enemy, that cursed virus-though short lived it will be.

Robert A. Johnson
Class of '52
Woodlake, California

Dear Editor,

As the COVID-19 pandemic is sweeping across our nation, I, like millions of Americans, have been staying at home.

During this time, I've given a great deal of thought as to where this moment in our history is all headed. As I'm writing this, Congress appears to be headed toward a bipartisan agreement on a broad $2 trillion stimulus package to jumpstart the economy.

It troubles me that the people in power in Washington may not be getting their priorities straight. This massive spending bill seems to be more devoted to bailing out large and small businesses alike, rather than preserving the health of those who may be most impacted by this insidious disease, especially the health and safety of our overwhelmed healthcare workers, who are severely lacking the medical equipment and resources needed to treat their patients.

Saving lives must take precedence over the "almighty dollar." Hopfully, once a vaccine is found, we can gain a better understanding of what's truly important. Human lives over human livelihoods.

Gregory Nystuen
Northwood

Dear Editor,

In view of the craziness that is going on in the world today, may I suggest that we abide by the only standard that is based on truth. That is the truth that our Creator God established at creation. Seek His truth. He is our only constant, and He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We are called to be His Children, not Jew or gentile, Republican or Democrat, black or white, rich or poor, but God's children. We are to love what is good and hate what is evil. We are to love what God loves and hate what God hates. God loves life, He created life. Life is in the blood! We should love life as well. He hates abortion and so should we. God loves family, He created male and female to procreate and bring forth family. We are to love the way our Creator formed us; embrace the sexual being He designed us to be. God hates perversion, defiling the way He created each person. We should hate sexual perversion. Love the person but hate the perversion. God loves peace and order but hates chaos and disorder. God loves His ways and we should too. His ways and His instructions are all for our benefit always! God loves the obedience of His children, just like any earthly father loves the obedience of his children. God hates disobedience and so should we. God's Word says there are blessings for obedience and there are curses (consequences) for disobedience. He says, "hear and obey," Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey my commands." Walk as He walked, do what He did! Love His instructions. Love our God and love our neighbor as ourselves! Be the hands and feet of our Messiah! Love what God loves, hate what God hates.

Consider...could God in his mercy and love, be trying to get our attention, with His shaking of the nations happening currently? This is the week of Passover! Recall the very first Passover – the land was being devastated by the plagues, the people would be devastated by the final plague – the death of the first born in every abode. However, God's plan of salvation came because of the blood of the lamb. Their obedience to God's instruction to paint the blood of the lamb on the door post of their abode saved them from the bondage of slavery. God delivered them into freedom and then He instructed them how to walk in His ways! That is exactly the shadow picture of the Messiah that came in the flesh 1,400 years later! We too, are saved by the Blood of the Passover Lamb and then we are to walk out our salvation by learning His ways, following His instructions, to walk as our Messiah walked, doing what our Messiah did, following all of His Father's instructions. We are called to remember, each year observe the Passover, and tell the story of the salvation of God's people! May we each observe our personal Passover this week. Accept the Blood of the Lamb for your salvation and walk in the Messiah's ways. Have a blessed Passover.

Sharon Helgeson
Northwood

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

April 7, 1920

The old city administration stepped down and out and the new stepped in, the utmost harmony prevailing on all sides. G.E. Whitcomb, the retiring mayor, briefly addressed the new and old bodies, as did also the new mayor, E.M. Sabin.

Worth County now has another government truck, this time a two-ton Pierce Arrow. This makes three large trucks the county has been given by the government for road work, the only expense being the freight charges on them from the point of shipment.

Under the leadership of Floyd Delker of Greene, the Northwood band has been practicing steadily all winter and are now preparing for a concert and vaudeville entertainment, which will be given at Dwelle Hall on April 16. Much enthusiasm is being displayed, the last practice night the roll call getting answers from 26 players.

The Farm Bureau is planning on putting on a Pig Club and Calf Club in the county this year, says Knute Bjorka, county agent. Boys and girls club work, as encouraged by the state, is limited to boys and girls between the age of 10 and 19 years. Prizes are offered by the state to county winners and money is often raised locally or pay premiums to winners.

Mr. J.F. Eaker and Mrs. Mary Baldwin, both of this city, were married in Minneapolis on Wednesday, March 24, by Rev. T.W. Graham at the Andrew Manse and will reside in their own home on a small farm in Annandale, Minnesota.

75 years ago

April 12, 1945

Boarding a chartered bus, 43 selectees of the local draft board went at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for pre-induction physical examinations. Most of them returned, but no announcement was made as to the number who passed their physicals.

The Northwood school band is starting on a new venture, that of learning to march. "While a finished marching band cannot be built in a short time, the fundamentals of marching will be taught to Northwood band members and some practice will be had, Wilbur Harris, band director, stated this week.

Pfc. George Thompson arrived home on furlough of 15 days, having just recently returned from overseas, where he was hospitalized for about six months following wounds suffered in action in France. He is a son of Mrs. Sena Thompson, formerly of Northwood, who is now living near Glenville.

Pfc. Alfred Mandt, son of Mrs. Anna Mandt and brother of Mrs. Bertram Kaasa of Hanlontown, was wounded in action at Manila, Philippine Islands, on February 27, according to a war department telegram received by his mother. No details were received.

Superintendents and principals of the Worth County schools met in Northwood for a conference with Dr. Barton Morgan of Iowa State College, who discussed some of the phases of the post-war study courses for high schools. Sweeping changes are contemplated, according to Dr. Morgan. All schools but Joice were represented at the conference.

50 years ago

April 9, 1970

About $300 in donations has been received toward the Rubella immunization program, according to Myrl Stahl, secretary of the Northwood Lions Club. A total of $1,000 is needed to offset the cost of immunizing about 1,400 Worth County children ages 1-12. All school children were given letters explaining the program, which should be signed by the parent and returned immediately, according to Mrs. Virginia Hanson, Worth County nurse. Each child should pay a minimum of 50 cents fee for the vaccine.

Forty-five Worth County Federated Club women met at the Masonic Temple in Northwood on April 3, for the annual meeting. Inter Se club, Northwood, was hostess. Incorporating the Iowa symbol, "Iowa, a Place to Grow," with the club theme of "Build today for a better tomorrow," table decorations symbolized industry, agriculture, tourism, business, and the welfare of people.

Miss Linda Butler was honored at a prenuptial shower at the former Zion Lutheran Church in Northwood. Mrs. Irl Madsen announced the short program and gave devotions. Mary Loberg was vocal soloist, accompanied by Sheryl Johnson. Mrs. Vernon Butler presented a reading. A social hour followed.

Ron Winter, Northwood, and Jo Rasmussen, Jackson and James Hoffman, Owatonna, are members of the Wartburg College Choir, which will sing at the Grace Lutheran church in Albert Lea on April 10 at 8 p.m. Dr. James Fritschel is the director.

25 years ago

April 12, 1995

The Worth County Historical Society will host a presentation of "Emergency Preparedness for Home, Family and Community" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northwood Public Library. Worth County Emergency Management coordinator Bev Kaduce will discuss how individuals, families and towns can prepare for weather catastrophes like snow and ice storms, technological disasters and other hazardous situations.

The Northwood-Kensett and North Central sharing/facilities committees will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, April 18, in Manly. The committees will tour the North Central Junior-Senior High School building at 7 p.m., and will sit down at 7:30 p.m. to discuss each committee's progress on facilities and sharing studies.

Gold medal winners in the recent in-school music contest at Northwood-Kensett Junior High included Jon Hanson, Sherri Oetken, Joey Harmon, Kristen Bendickson, Jannaj Patterson and Bobbi Cooper. Gold medalists included Joyce Songstad, Heather Perkins, Janet Butler, Jessica Vansteenburg and Teresa Stotts. Gold medalists were Lindsay Gunderson, Sarah Hanson, Jack Johnson, Valerie Patterson, Cliff Julseth and Lindsey Kension. N-K elementary-junior high music instructor Elina Leander-Ozolins prepared them for the contest.

10 years ago

April 14, 2010

Representatives of Northwood's newest industrial business, Mortenson Construction, attended a special meeting of the Northwood City Council, asking the City for help addressing its drainage needs. For Mortenson, the situation stems from the fact that the pipes along Enterprise Drive were originally designed to handle water running off the road. Mortenson plans to put in place a large parking lot. The volume of water from the parking lot, in cases of heavy rain, may be more than existing system can accommodate.

Local farmer Marlin Lijedahl was recently named the winner of Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Communities Project, winning $2,500 for the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. NVFC members pictured with Liljedhal and Monsanto representative Bob Merfeld were Jim Hanson, Liljedahl, Dan Low, Andy Grunhovd, Dan Tindal, Russ Julseth, Ryan Severson, Melissa Hoch, Greg Parks, Merfeld and Kenny Quam.

They haven't come up with a new name yet, but area elevator managers feel positive about a vote to merge Progressive Ag, Northwood; Farmers Cooperative, Marble Rock; and Northeast Iowa Cooperative of Clermont. Sixty-eight percent (a super majority) of the co-ops' members voted favorably on April 8 for the merger.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Lorraine McCloskey

Lorraine Marie (Lee) McCloskey, 60 years old, passed away on Sunday, February 29, 2020. She resided in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Lorraine has been cremated. Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COCID-19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public memorial at this time.

Lorraine was born on April 13, 1959, in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of James D. and Madeline V. (Whiting) Lee. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa. She attended Northwood-Kensett Community School.

Lorraine was married to Thomas J. McCloskey on November 30, 1980. She was a member of Corner Stone Baptist Church in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Lorraine is survived by her husband, Thomas J. McCloskey; sons, Brian J. (Jenny) McCloskey and Adam J. McCloskey; grandchildren, Brandon, Vinny and Ireland; brother, Michael (Judith) Lee; sisters, Kathleen (Ronald) Gentz and Peggy (Rick) Holtz, all siblings are from Northwood; and many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was preceded by her parents, James and Madeline Lee; grandparents; and a nephew, Brandon Thompson.

'Lenore' Ellen Glassel

(Lenore) Ellen Glassel, 82, of Washington, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020, at Halcyon House Care Center in Washington, Iowa.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will be having public services at a later time.

Private family graveside services will be held at Grafton Cemetery in Grafton, Iowa, with Pastor Solveig Zamzow presiding. Beatty Funeral Home in Washington is assisting with arrangements. Memorials are designated to Hospice of Washington Co.



ELLEN GLASSEL

Ellen was born on April 28, 1937, in Loveland, Colorado, the daughter of Reverend Martin and Lenora (Roettger) Amelung. Ellen was born prematurely with her twin brother Martin Frederick Amelung. They were baptized at the hospital by their father shortly after birth. Her twin brother passed away soon after the baptism.

Throughout her childhood, Ellen lived at various communities in the Midwest as her German Lutheran minister father accepted the call at churches located in Loveland, Colorado, Otis, Colorado, Canova, South Dakota, Parkston, South Dakota and Hosmer, South Dakota. Ellen was confirmed in the Christian faith on March 25, 1951, at Salem Lutheran Church in Parkston, South Dakota.

She graduated from Hosmer Schools in South Dakota on May 17, 1956. Ellen, brother Seth and mother moved to Mason City a few days later. Ellen and her mother worked at the Good Shephard Health Center in Mason City until her marriage.

Ellen met the love of her life, Clyde Glassel, through her brother, Seth, who attended Wartburg College with Clyde. Ellen was united in marriage to Clyde Glassel on January 22, 1961, at St. James Lutheran Church in Mason City and they made their home on a farm near Grafton. Ellen and Clyde were blessed with three wonderful children, Ruth, Fred and Kate.

She was a farm wife and actively involved in the community and church. You could always rely on Ellen to donate her time and baked goods when needed. She was a faithful and giving member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton. Ellen was involved in the church with leadership roles in Altar Guild and the Church Council. She also participated in Bible studies and served on various committees. Throughout her life, Ellen served the Lord daily.

Ellen and her good friend, JoAnn Bartz, bought the local grocery store to ensure groceries were easily accessible to the Grafton community for the next several years. Ellen moved from the farm after Clyde's death to Lake Mills and subsequently to Washington, Iowa, to be near family. Her final years were spent at Halcyon House Care Center in Washington, where she enjoyed visiting, attending church services and working on crossword puzzles.

Ellen and Clyde enjoyed traveling cross country with their good friends Kenneth and Olga Borchardt. Ellen completed award winning counter cross stitch and enjoyed reading, baking and gardening. She worked on scrap books detailing the family history and memories for her own family and for others. She was a giving person and lived to be of service to others.

Ellen is survived by her daughter, Ruth Jones of Washington, Iowa; son, Fred Glassel of Plymouth, Iowa; daughter, Kate Oelberg (Daniel) of Shakopee, Minn.; brother, Paul Amelung of Clarksdale, Mississippi; and grandchildren, Ray Cole of Washington, Iowa, Justin Cole of Lake Mills, Iowa, and Andrei and Alina Oelberg of Shakopee Minn. Ellen also has three great-grandchildren, Sophia Pesina, Maci and Payton Cole; along with several nieces and nephews.

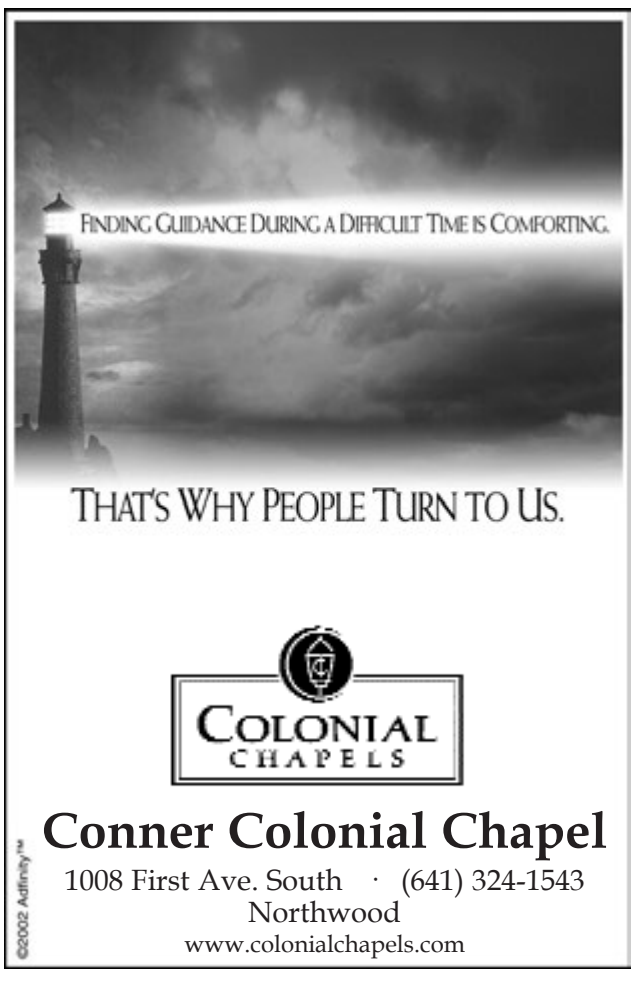
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clyde, on January 22, 2000; two brothers; and one sister.

Wish to celebrate the life of a passed loved one?

Let the Northwood Anchor help memorialise your loved ones

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Written on stone

Some intrepid artists have been making small additions to the Northwood landscape recently, adding rocks with encouraging messages to public areas to be seen by those walking by. They have asked that anyone finding these rocks to leave them to be viewed by others.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009205
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICK ALLEN JOHNSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rick Allen Johnson, Deceased, who died on or about May 3, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on March 26, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 27, 2020.

Susan M. Johnson
924 400th St.
Kensett, IA 50448
Administrator of the Estate

Kristen N. Ollenburg
ICIS#: AT0006007
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Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication 15th day of April, 2020.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009206
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY GENTZ, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeffrey Gentz, Deceased, who died on or about March 22, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on March 30, 2020, the last will and testament of Jeffrey Gentz, deceased, bearing date of March 3, 2020 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Richard Gentz was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 31, 2020.

Richard Gentz
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Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of the Estate

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P.O. Box 167
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Attorney for the Executor

Date of second publication 15th day of April, 2020.

15-2t

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in special session at City Hall on 3/30/20 at 6pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Following the public hearing, there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-07 Adopting Annual Budget for FY 21. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009204
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK ALLEN OPPMAN, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mark Allen Oppman, Deceased, who died on or about 13th day of March, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on 19th day of March, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated 23rd day of March, 2020.

Travis A. Oppman
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Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication 8th day of April, 2020.

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Supervisors

March 30, 2020
14th Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Kenneth J. Abrams and Mark Smeby present.

This was an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of board members and the public. Public access was made available by telephone.

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Stone, Abrams and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the March 30, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the March 23, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve moving the April 13, 2020 drainage hearings to May 18, 2020.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the secondary roads FY21 DOT budget and program.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Project No. BROS-CHBP-CO98(79)—GA-98 (390th Street over Drainage Ditch).

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Project between Mitchell County, Iowa and Worth County, Iowa; Project No. BRS-CHBP-C066(78)—GB-66 (Balsam Avenue over Rock Creek and BROSCH-BP-CO98(79)—GA-98 (390th Street over Drainage Ditch).

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve

Resolution 2020.03.30.4:
RESOLUTION 2020.03.30.4
APPROVAL OF 345th STREET PAVING PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the **345th STREET PAVING PROJECT, FM-C098(77)—55-98**, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as **HMA Resurfacing on 345th Street from Dogwood Ave east to Eagle Ave.**; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from **Heartland Asphalt, Inc.**, in the amount of **$225,202.76** and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 30th day of March, 2020.

The vote on the resolution:
Aye Stone, Abrams, Smeby Nay N/A Abstain N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution 2020.03.30.5:

RESOLUTION 2020.03.30.5
APPROVAL OF PARTRIDGE AVE. AND 350TH STREET PAVING PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the **PARTRIDGE AVE. AND 350TH STREET PAVING** project, **L-78—73-98**, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as **HMA PAVEMENT-NEW, PARTRIDGE AVE. AND 350TH STREET**; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from **Heartland Asphalt, Inc.**, in the amount of **$329,420.70** and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 30th day of March, 2020.

The vote on the resolution:
Aye Stone, Abrams, Smeby Nay N/A Abstain N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the purchase of a JD 770 motor grader for $316,574 as presented by the county engineer.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution No. 2020.03.30.3:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY
Worth County
Resolution 2020.03.30.3

WHEREAS, this being the date and time set for the hearing on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of the right of way of Worth County Secondary Road, described as follows:

All that part of former county road "T"/Wheelerwood Road right of way in the East Half (E ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the West 50 feet of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One Hundred (100) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the 5th Principal Meridian, north of the current Wheelerwood Road right-of-way, and South of the current ramp "C" Interstate 35 right-of-way in Worth County, Iowa, as depicted on the drawing on the plat map attached to this resolution*; and,

WHEREAS, the road right-of-way and the actual Wheelerwood Road were relocated in approximately 1975 with the construction of the Interstate 35 highway through Worth County, Iowa, and since that time, the above stated right-of-way has not been utilized as a road right-of-way or used by the citizens or property owners of Worth County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Worth County, Iowa, is the adjoining property owner of the right-of-way that it seeks to vacate and that the vacated right-of-way should be quit claim deeded to Worth County, Iowa, as the owner of the adjoining real estate; and,

WHEREAS, given the lack of impact on either adjoining property owners or users of Wheelerwood Road that this vacation will have, the Iowa Code provides that no publication of notice of vacation of right-of-way is required in the present instance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that the portion of right-of-way described above and on the attached plat is hereby vacated and said right-of-way is reconveyed to Worth County, Iowa, by a Quit Claim Deed executed contemporaneously with this action.

*said plat map is available by request in the office of the Worth County Auditor

AARON STONE
Chair, Worth County Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution No. 2020.03.30.1

RESOLUTION 2020.03.30.1

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board met on December, 3, 2019, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

Elected Official, Current Salary, Proposed Increase, Recommended Salary

Auditor, $56,706, 3.50%, $58,747
County Attorney, $62,875, 37.16%, $86,240
Recorder, $56,760, 3.50%, $58,747
Sheriff, $72,282, 4.00%, $75,173
Supervisor-Chair, $31,252, 0.00%, $31,252
Supervisors, $30,752, 0.00%, $30,752
Treasurer, $56,760, 3.50%, $58,747

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as recommended by the Worth County Compensation Board.

Approved this 30th day of March, 2020.

WORTH County Board of Supervisors
Aaron Stone, Chairperson
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

AYE:
Aaron Stone, Supervisor,
Kenneth J. Abrams, Supervisor,
Mark Smeby, Supervisor

NAY: N/A

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to recess the regular session.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to open the Worth County FY20/21 Budget hearing at 9:00 A.M. The auditor reviewed the budget with the board. There was no public comment.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to close the public hearing at 9:01 A.M.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to reconvene the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to Resolution No. 2020.03.30.2

RESOLUTION #2020.03.30.2
ADOPTION OF THE WORTH COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 30, 2020 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY20/21 Budget of expenditures and revenues as was published, per Public Notice, in the March 18 & 19, 2020 issue of the Official County newspapers, The Northwood Anchor and The Manly Junction Signal, and presented at the public hearing on March 30, 2020.

THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY20/21 Budget as was presented and published. Budget certification attached.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2020.

Aaron Stone, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on 3/30/20, by the following vote:

AYES: Stone, Abrams, Smeby NAYS: N/A
ABSTENTIONS: N/A ABSENT: N/A

ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor & Clerk to Board

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the budget request for FY21 in the amount of $5,000.00 by Homeward, Inc.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from CB Neel & Sons for facility #63839 located in Section 1, Lincoln Township, Cerro Gordo County and facility #63840 located in Section 36, Danville Township, Worth County.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve revising the Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act by allowing full pay for all COVID19 reasons for absences during the first two weeks (70-80) hours of available Emergency sick leave.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:35 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
Hornbeck, et al. v. Orscheln Farm and Home, LLC, et al.,
Case Number 18-00941-cv-W-BP (W.D. Mo.).

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AFFECTED WHETHER YOU ACT OR DO NOT ACT.

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit that alleges the following "303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid Products"—CITGO-manufactured MileMaster 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid; CITGO-manufactured H-K 303 Tractor Transmission Hydraulic Fluid; Orscheln Premium 303 Tractor Hydraulic & Transmission Fluid; and/or CITGO-manufactured SuperTech 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil—did not meet the equipment manufacturer specifications stated on the label. The Defendants deny they did anything wrong and state further that the labels were truthful and adequate. The Court has not decided who is right. Instead, the parties agreed to a proposed settlement to avoid the expense and risks of continuing the lawsuit.

You are Settlement Class Member if you have purchased, not for resale, one of the following products sold in the United States during the stated Class Period:

Product	Size	Start Class Period	End Class Period
MileMaster 303	3/2 gal.	Jan. 23, 2017	Present
MileMaster 303	5 gal.	May 25, 2013	Present
MileMaster 303	55 gal.	May 25, 2013	Present
H-K 303	3/2 gal.	May 25, 2013	April 30, 2016
H-K 303	5 gal.	May 25, 2013	March 21, 2019
Orscheln 303	5 gal.	Sept. 3, 2014	Aug. 16, 2017
SuperTech 303	5 gal.	Feb. 17, 2016	Feb. 10, 2018

The settlement establishes a $18,825,000.00 "Class Settlement Fund" that will be paid to Settlement Class Members as: (1) cash awards of up to 100% of the purchase price paid for the 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid Products and (2) reimbursement for the costs of any repairs, parts, and specific equipment damage that a Settlement Class Member claims resulted from, in whole or in part, the use of the 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid Products during the Class Period. You may need to submit a Claim Form to receive your award, which can be obtained at www.303settlement.com or by calling 866-742-4955. The deadline to submit a Claim Form is August 31, 2020. Class Counsel will seek an incentive payment of $5,000.00 for each of the Class Representatives. Class Counsel will ask that the Court award up to $5,900,000.00 in attorneys' fees and expenses. This amount will not be paid from the Class Settlement Fund.

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself from it by August 31, 2020. If you do not exclude yourself, you will not be able to sue Defendants for any claim relating to the lawsuit. If you remain a Settlement Class Member, you may object to the settlement by August 31, 2020. The Court will hold a hearing on October 13, 2020 to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses. This date may be moved, canceled, or otherwise modified; see www.303settlement.com for more information. This notice only summarizes the proposed settlement. For additional information, including the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement, please see www.303settlement.com or call 866-742-4955.

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Prepare your pantry, but don't panic

The outbreak of COVID-19, a disease caused by the new coronavirus, has many Iowans thinking about emergency supplies and kits, if they should need to self-isolate or quarantine. Nutrition and wellness state specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offer tips for stocking the pantry, without panic buying.

Panic buying will not help people in the long run and may place others in a bind. Planning ahead and making "smart" purchases will help limit shopping trips while being prepared, according to Ruth Litchfield and Sarah Francis. They offer the following guidance to help Iowans in these challenging times:

Plan for at least one week out

Many people are choosing to use delivery or drive up grocery services to decrease the potential contact with grocery cart handles and with other people, to reduce risk of contracting the virus. These services are in high demand and may not be available for at least one week out. This means people should be planning grocery needs at least one week in advance. Those that choose a delivery or drive up grocery service should keep in mind that someone will be touching the food as they fill orders.

Clean food containers before storage

It will be important to wipe off food containers with soap and water prior to storage. Recent research suggests the virus can remain active on some surfaces for one to three days. For fresh produce, follow safe food washing practices (see spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/cook/produce-basics). People should remember to wash hands with soap for at least 20 seconds after handling the grocery items too (see www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html).

Buy a little extra, but don't stockpile

Many will be practicing social distancing and may be remaining in homes for several weeks. As such, people should consider buying just a few extra items each time they are doing regular grocery shopping, rather than stockpiling. To prepare a two-week supply of food, people should look at their current food supply at home and their current weekly grocery list. They should ask themselves, "Is this quantity of food reasonable to last through two weeks while providing adequate nutrition -- foods from each food group daily?"

When meal planning:

Those that are parents should ask how many more meals and snacks will they need to provide for their children if local schools are closed. That includes making sure to adjust normal grocery orders for these additional meals.

People should consider how many times people typically eat out or carry out in a typical week. With many restaurants and fast food businesses closed or transitioning to carry out, people should plan grocery lists as though they will not be carrying out or eating out from restaurants.

People should look at frozen or canned options of favorite fresh foods. These have a longer shelf-life and are just as nutritious.

People should consider making larger quantities of "go to" dishes and freezing the extras.

Those that are purchasing fresh foods, should choose a meal plan that uses similar foods to help limit food waste, for example, spaghetti with marinara sauce and spinach one night and spinach enchiladas another night.

• People should pay attention to the dates on foods. Remember FIFO — first in, first out. Anhyone that has questions about the shelf life of pantry mainstays, may visit stilltasty.com.

Keep these items in your pantry

Here is a list of pantry items to consider keeping on hand. For more information, visit spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/cook/pantry-picks.

Non-perishable food

Pantry staples (oil, tomato paste, flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, dried herbs and spices, peanut butter, etc.).

Pasta, rice and noodles

Canned foods (beans, lentils, tuna, salmon, tomatoes, tomato sauce, other vegetables and fruit)

Frozen foods (corn, peas, spinach, stir-fry mixes, fruit such as berries, mango, juice)

Dried soup mixes, sauces and fruits

Snack items such as nuts, crackers, hummus, raisins, popcorn, and carrots

Whole grain cereals, oatmeal and granola

Bread (extra loaves can be stored in the freezer)

Potatoes (try canned potatoes if you can't find fresh)

Perishable food

Refrigerated foods

-- Dairy foods: Milk (powdered or shelf-stable milk is another option), cheese, yogurt.

-- Butter or margarine.

-- Eggs – shell eggs are stable for three to five weeks in the refrigerator, pasteurized liquid eggs can last three to five weeks unopened or be frozen for longer storage.

-- Fresh vegetables--carrots, squash, cabbage, and broccoli store well, but greens, tomatoes and sprouts need to be eaten in the first week.

Fresh fruit (e.g., apples, oranges, grapes, pineapple, bananas) – monitor for ripeness

The Iowa State University Human Sciences Extension and Outreach Spend.Smart Eat.Smart website provides more information about menu planning, safe food handling, and cooking. Visit at spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu.



Construction continues

Work has continued on the new facility being built on the east side of Northwood. The construction included a new fertilizer tank and will also include a building for the loading of chemicals for Viafield customers, an updated replacement for other Viafield facilities currently in use in the area.

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Northwood Volunteer Fire Company parade

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company traveled through the streets of Northwood on Sunday, flashing lights and blaring sirens, to show that the volunteer emergency responders are there for their community, especially in difficult times. Many came out to wave Hi, shout greetings and display their own messages back to the NVFC crew.



Recycled beauty

Warmer weather has allowed the Worth County Recycle Center's Randy Crawford to help make sure the facility lives up to its name. Crawford re-uses items taken to the Center in the landscaping around the facility, creating displays like the one pictured above.



Keeping things under control

Fire fighters from the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company were on hand last week for a prairie burn near Northwood. The firefighters were there to make sure the blaze remained under control and was extinguished without issue.



An icy reception

Despite being weeks into springs, Mother Nature presented a wintry reminder last week that North Iowa weather is unpredictable, with tiny balls of ice covering and coating many surfaces Friday morning.

Amazing Spring Sales

New Gravely ZTXL42
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